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Our Vision for Downtown Hampton

What are some of the best places in Hampton's downtown area? What would we like to see improved? What is our vision for downtown Hampton?

Throughout the past year, businesspeople, youth, neighborhood associations, city staff and citizens throughout Hampton considered these questions and many more.

Urban Design Associates (UDA) has been assisting the City of Hampton in updating master plans for strategic areas of the city, such as the downtown area which includes Pasture Point, Old Hampton and the Victoria Boulevard Historic District. At a number of planning meetings with UDA, citizens worked to define the strengths and weaknesses of downtown. The recommendations that came out of those



Conceptual Drawing

meetings formed the Downtown Hampton Master Plan and depicted a vision of a newly revitalized downtown area.

And taking the first step toward fulfilling this vision, Hampton City Council approved the plan and \$1 million for road improvements in downtown Hampton during the Jan. 14 meeting.

"The idea of saving downtown is like saving your heart and soul," Councilman Turner Spencer said.

The vision for downtown

Hampton includes attracting more people to live, work and shop in downtown. The plan includes adding new housing units, several mixed use buildings with retail and restaurants on the first floor and housing and offices on the upper floors, on-street parking and parking garages.

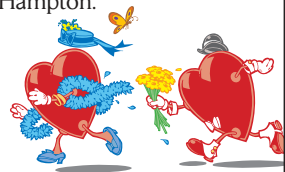
The plan also includes a new expressway entrance for King Street and improvements to Eaton Street, Armistead Avenue and Settlers Landing Road. Settlers Landing Road will become a pedestrian-friendly street

with fewer lanes and on-street parking. New parks will arrive in nearby neighborhoods and a retail pavilion is planned for the waterfront area in Carousel Park.

During the next few months, the City of Hampton will solicit development proposals

for recommended sites, select development companies and negotiate contracts. The City of Hampton hopes to break ground on the first phase of downtown development in the Fall of this year.

Visit www.hampton.gov and click on What's Hot for more information about development progress in downtown Hampton.



For a long time now, the State of Virginia has been lowering its taxes and providing fewer services. Education is one of the hardest hit areas.

Virginia ranks 12th in the

Make a Call for Education

nation in personal income. However, Virginia ranks 44th in spending on K-12 education as a percentage of personal income. There is a large disparity in these numbers.

This means that the State is unfairly shifting its

economic responsibility to the localities. Even funds promised to the localities from the state are not being provided.

What can you do? It's simple. Let lawmakers know that you care with one call. Call (800) 889-0229 between 8:30 a.m.

and 5:00 p.m. The attendant will help you register your opinions and communicate your concerns to your legislators.

For more information you can also visit www.vafirstcities.com or www.vastudents.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

How do I become a notary public?

Pick up an application from Hampton Circuit Court, located at 101 Kingsway Mall, 727-6105. The office hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The applicant must obtain the signatures of two registered voters and the Deputy Clerk. The form must then be sent to Richmond, VA with a \$25.00 fee. A notification letter of acceptance will be mailed to the Clerk's office for applicant to pick up. A charge of \$10.00 must be paid to the clerk to receive notary certificate.



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February

COMMUNITY EVENTS



5 FEMA Home Elevation Program

7:00 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Hampton Emergency Management will provide information on the FEMA home elevation program and the City's current grant opportunity to apply for funding.

7 The Hot Club of San Francisco

8:00 p.m., The American Theatre
An ensemble of musicians who celebrate the music of Hot Club de France.

11 Hampton City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (8th Floor, City Hall). Also telecast on the City channel, TV-47.

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